

Community Colleges Proposed for County

Oakland County school superintendents last week recommended that community colleges be established in Royal Oak and Pontiac. A six-member committee, which has been studying the need for such colleges for the past three months, suggested that the schools be controlled by the Oakland County School Board.

One of the committee members, Royal Oak Supt. James C. Covert, announced the unanimous approval of the recommendations by the Oakland County Superintendents Association.

ACCORDING TO Covert, individual school boards will meet with the County School Board to discuss the matter.

In a report to the Royal Oak School Board, Covert said committee members agreed with conclusions of the recent six-county study that there is a clear need for community college facilities in the area.

However, the superintendents believe Oakland County is large enough to develop its own program instead of pursuing a joint plan with surrounding counties.

COVERT SAID the County School Board was recommended as the controlling board for several reasons.

In addition to providing some type of standardization and facilitating financing, it would give some schools, which could not occupy specialists on a full-time basis, highly specialized persons in certain fields.

Persons could be used at both of the proposed schools with both of them under one authority.

THE SUPERINTENDENTS, said Covert, also passed a proposal that the County School Board support legislation enabling local districts to combine for a vote on methods of financing.

"Anything of this type would be subject to referendum," Covert said. "There would have to be enabling legislation before we could hold a vote."

The committee proposed a property tax in excess of the 15 mills currently split up between the county, schools and townships, and a tax on property transfer.

"IT WOULD WORK the same

way the special education tax works," said Covert, "and wouldn't be a great strain on any one community." Oakland voters approved a 1/4-mill tax for support of a county-wide special education program in 1954.

"Our real concern is that there is just no provision for all who want to go on to some type of higher education," said Covert. He pointed out that a community college differs from a junior college in that the latter is a two-year preparation for a four-year liberal arts college.

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

"I have a couple of things I'd like to mention," said Commissioner Robert Page under the agenda heading of general business Monday night. Looking very serious, he said: "I would like to move that we make a ruling that no commissioner shows up here wearing his pajamas." Then he looked over at Commissioner Carl Ingraham and laughed as other commissioners joined in. Ingraham was wearing a white-and-gray-vertically striped shirt. Then Page went on. "The second thing I have to say—is that the mayor is unusually attractive tonight." More laughs. A few minutes later, Mayor Florence H. Willett brought the house down when she innocently commented as the commission adjourned: "I'd like to see Mr. Page for a few minutes." And someone said, "We didn't think you'd take him that seriously."

One Birmingham city commissioner has his own definition of the WPA. City fathers were discussing sewer problems related to proposed paving of streets in the Holy Name Church area Monday night. Somebody said certain sewers were built in 1941. "They were built by the WPA," said Ralph A. Main — "We Poke Along."

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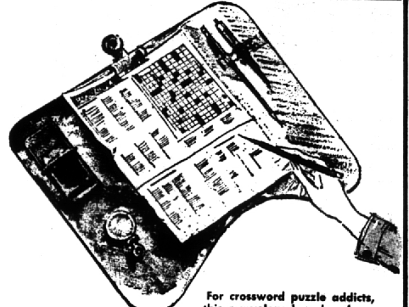
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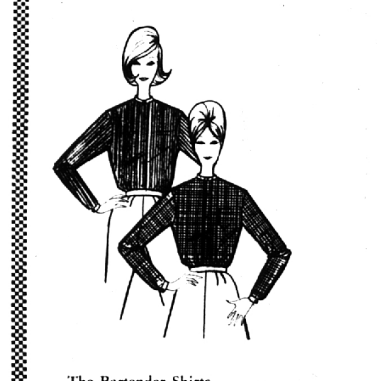
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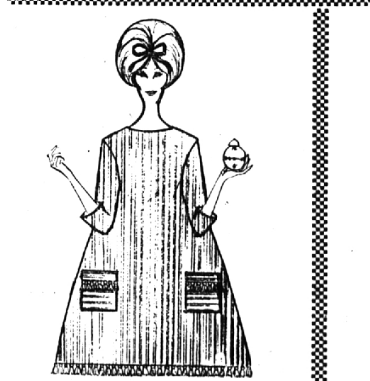
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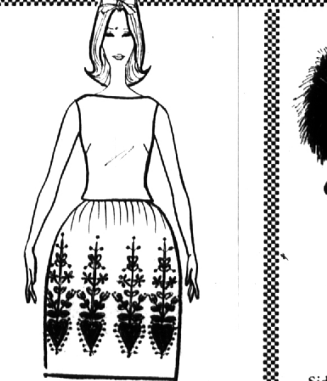
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